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**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE PUBLIC REVIEW AND
LOCAL ADOPTION APPROVALS OF VENTURA COUNTY'S SUMMARY PLAN
AND COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT**

Dear Mr. Schiavo:

The Ventura County Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) is writing to request an extension of time required to complete the local approval process for the September 2000 Revised Final Draft of the Ventura Countywide Siting Element (CSE) and Summary Plan (SP).

Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, all of which were outside of SWMD's direct control, we find that we will require more time to complete the local review and adoption process. Therefore we request an extension of time until **February 15, 2001**.

Prior to releasing the final DND for the CSE and SP for the mandatory 30-day public review period, several issues regarding the assumptions used in developing the September 2000 REVISED Final Draft CSE needed to be resolved.

- First, the County's Agricultural Commissioner's Office had some concerns regarding the relationship of its prime agricultural soils criteria to the CSE siting criteria for future landfills.
- Second, the proposed site capacity and life projections for the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center contained in the April 2000 Draft CSE required extensive revisions based on comments filed by Waste Management of California, the operators of the landfill.
- And finally, we required guidance from the CIWMB regarding the CSE Conformance Finding thresholds, which did not occur until their **September 20th meeting** in Sacramento.



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The final DND, along with the completed revisions to the CSE and SP, will be released for public review and comment on **Monday, September 25, 2000**. A state mandated 30-day public review period is provided for the processing of the DND. The DND will become final, barring any legal challenges, on **Wednesday, October 25, 2000**.

The Revised Final Draft of the SP and CSE, along with certification that a Notice of Determination regarding the appropriate environmental document has been filed, will then be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for official release to the cities during their **October 31st regular meeting**. This will trigger a state-mandated 90-day local plan review and approval process that would end on **February 15, 2001**.

We have prepared a REVISED timeline, dated September 20, 2000, which incorporates all of the necessary review and approval steps required by applicable State law. We have been, and will continue to work closely with all of our ten cities, through our Technical Advisory Committee to our AB 939 LTF regarding the CSE and SP local approval process. We have requested their cooperation in scheduling public hearings on the adoption of the CSE and SP before their respective city councils as early as possible in the 90-day public review process.

Assuming that the September 2000 Revised CSE and SP plan documents are approved by a majority of the cities with the majority of the incorporated population of the county, along with the Board of Supervisors, without major revision, then we anticipate that the **December 15, 2000** would be the *best case completion date* for the local adoption process, and **February 15, 2001** would be the *worst case completion date*.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Gerard Kapuscik, Manager, Planning and Recycling Division at **(805) 648-9241**.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: CSE and SP Timeline (Dated September 20, 2000)

Ventura County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan
Countywide Siting Element and Summary Plan – Year 2000 Update
Status of Local Public Review and Adoption Process
 (Revised as of September 20, 2000)

Applicable CIWMB Regs or Statutes	Task	Estimated Time Periods Required for Task *	Begin Dates	Completion Dates	Task Completed
18780 (a)	Release of April 2000 Final Drafts of Countywide Siting Element (CSE) and Summary Plan (SP)	N/A	April 14	April 20	Yes
N/A	Presentation of April 2000 Final Drafts CSE and SP to CIWMB in Sacramento	N/A	April 18	April 19	Yes
State CEQA Guidelines & County Adm. Supplement	Release of Notice of Initial Study (NIS) for Draft Negative Declaration (DND) to County Agencies, LTF, Each City, LEA and appropriate agencies for review and comment concurrent with VCOG-LTF review and comment period	45 days	April 20	June 4	Yes
18780 (a)	Presentation to VCOG-LTF	1 Day	April 27	April 27	Yes
N/A	SWMD Reviews Public Comments and Prepares Revisions to Draft CSE and SP Plan Documents based on Comments	N/A	May 1	September 15	Yes
State CEQA Guidelines & County Adm. Supplement	SWMD files ND with County Clerk	1 Day	September 25	September 25	TBC
State CEQA Guidelines & County Adm. Supplement	Negative Declaration (ND) Public Review Period	30 Days	September 25	October 25	TBC

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State CEQA Guidelines & County Adm. Supplement	SWMD files Final Determination on Negative Declaration (ND)	1 Day	October 26	October 26	TBC
18783 (a) & PRC 41721 & PRC 41760	Board of Supervisors certifies ND and officially releases Final Draft CSE and SP Plan Documents	1 Day	October 31	October 31	TBC
18783 (a) & PRC 41721 & PRC 41760	Local adoption period for the Final Draft CSE and SP plan documents <u>Best Case Scenario:</u> Plan Adoption Process Takes 30 Days <u>Worst Case Scenario:</u> Plan Adoption Process Takes Full 90 Days Allowed by State Law		October 31 October 31	November 30 January 31	TBC TBC
18784 (a)	BoF S adoption and submittal of locally adopted CSE and SP plan documents to CIWMB	<i>Best Case Scenario</i> <i>Worst Case Scenario</i>	November 30 January 31	December 15 February 15	TBC

* Estimated times assume that the County Board of Supervisors and City Councils of a majority of the cities with a majority of the incorporated population approve the September 2000 Final Draft CSE and SP *without* revisions.